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SUBJ: USSR STATEMENT ON ME

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OCTOBER 7 USSR STATEMENT ON ME  
SITUATION TRANSMITTED BY LETTER FROM USSR PERM REP MALIK  
TO UN SYG. STATEMENT WAS QUOTED VERBATIM IN MALIK'S  
OCTOBER 8 SPEECH TO SC.

QUOTE

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE ATTACHED  
STATEMENT OF 7 OCTOBER 1973 BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON THE  
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL  
DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
ON WHOSE AGENDA, AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS QUESTION APPEARS.  
Y. MALIK

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USSR  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

THE ABSENCE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS  
CAUSED A NEW OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN THAT AREA, WITH RESULT-  
ING LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE, SUFFERING AND DESTRUCTION.

THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, WHICH HAD GREETED WITH FEELINGS  
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OF RELIEF THE RECENTLY BEGUN PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE,

ARE AGAIN CONFRONTED WITH A DANGEROUS TURN IN EVENTS.

IT IS A SECRET TO NO ONE THAT THE CAUSE OF THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF ISRAEL'S RULING CIRCLES.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WITH THE SUPPORT AND PROTECTION OF IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, ISRAEL HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY INFLAMING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY ITS RECKLESS AGGRESSIVE ACTS. DISREGARDING THE DEMANDS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND OF MOST OF THE WORLD'S STATES AND TRAMPLING ON THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED RULES OF INT'L LAW, THE ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES HAVE ELEVATED VIOLENCE AND BANDITRY TO THE LEVEL OF STATE POLICY.

THWARTING ALL EFFORTS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND COMMITTING CONSTANT ACTS OF PROVOCATION AGAINST NEIGHBOURING ARAB STATES, THE ISRAELI MILITARY CLIQUE HAS CONTINUED IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO FAN THE SMOULDERING EMBERS OF THE MILITARY CONFLICT UNLEASHED IN THAT AREA BY TEL AVIV IN 1967. THE ISRAELI MILITARY CLIQUE'S CEASELESS ACTS OF ARMED PROVOCATION AGAINST EGYPT, SYRIA AND LEBANON AHAVE REPEAT-EDLY CREATED CRITICAL SITUATIONS IN THE AREA. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, ISRAEL HAS CONCENTRATED SUBSTANTIAL ARMED FORCES ON THE CEASE-FIRE LINES WITH SYRIA AND EGYPT, HAS CALLED UP RESERVISTS AND, AFTER THUS INFLAMING THE SITUATION TO THE UTMOST, HAS LAUNCHED MILITARY OPERATIONS.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT TURN OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THEIR CONSEQUENCES RESTS WHOLLY AND ENTIRELY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE ARAB STATES HAVE SHOWN GREAT RESTRAINT AND WILLINGNESS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS. THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ARAB STATES' DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE AGGRESSOR'S TROOOPS FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 IS RECOGNIZED BY ALL. THESE DEMANDS ARE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY MEANS OF WAR, AS EMBODIED IN THE WELL-KNOWN SECURITY COUNCIL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECISIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

HOWEVER, THE EFFORTS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALL PEACE-LOVING FORCES TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE INVARIABLY COME UP AGAINST THE OBSTRUCTIONIST POSITION ADOPTED BY TEL AVIV. THE PRESENT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF ISRAEL'S CONTINUING AGGRESSION.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONCLUSIVELY CONFIRMS THE INDISPUTABLE FACT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THIS BREEDING GROUND OF CONSTANT TENSION AND ESTABLISH A RELIABLE, GUARANTEED PEACE FOR ALL THE STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE AREA UNLESS ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL ARE COMPLETELY LIBERATED AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE ARE SECURED.

TRUE TO ITS POLICY OF GIVING SUPPORT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE TO PEOPLES STRIVING FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVIET UNION TAKES A CONSISTENT STAND AS A RELIABLE FRIEND OF THE ARAB STATES.

CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S ANNEXATIONIST POLICY, THE SOVIET UNION VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTS THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF THE ARAB STATES FOR THE LIBERATION OF ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN 1967.

IF, A PRISONER OF ITS EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT REMAINS DEAF TO THE VOICE OF REASON AND CONTINUES TO PURSUE A POLICY OF ANNEXATION, RETAINING THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, IGNORING THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DEFYING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, THIS MAY COST THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DEARLY. ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH AN UNREASONABLE COURSE WILL REST WITH THE LEADERS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.  
MOSCOW, 7 OCTOBER 1973  
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